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Howdy!

With this time of year typically comes a renewed sense of optimism about Aggie football, regardless of what happened the previous season. I know I'm guilty of it every August. I just can't help but believe that this is our year, each year. Well, most years anyway. This year is no different, but then again, maybe it is.

Has Texas A&M ever started a season with the preseason conference offensive and defensive players of the year? How long has it been since we were optimistic about the progress of the defense under a new coordinator? Have we ever had this much talent at the offensive skill positions at the same time? And finally, isn't it about time for us to finish a season without saying "wait till next year?"

Still, this may or may not be the year that the A&M program takes a huge step forward, but it's sure going to be fun to sit back and watch this team play. And with senior captains like Jerrod Johnson and Von Miller driving the ship, anything is possible. And by anything, I mean these 12 bold predictions by the AI staff:

1. Both Cyrus Gray and Ryan Swope will return at least one kickoff for a touchdown this season.
2. Every time the Aggies win the turnover battle, they'll win the game.
3. Christine Michael will run for over 1,000 yards.
4. The Aggies will beat Texas Tech in back-to-back seasons for the first time since 1993-94.
5. Ryan Tannehill will throw and catch a touchdown pass in the same game.
6. College Gameday will come to Aggieland for a game this season.
7. The Aggies will make a play on special teams that wins them a close game.
8. The Aggies will beat at least one out of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Nebraska.
9. Ryan Swope will be the team's leading receiver this season.
10. Jerrod Johnson will hold every major A&M passing record by the end of the year.
11. The defense will force at least 30 turnovers during the season.
12. The Aggies will celebrate Thanksgiving on their way home from Austin after beating t.u.

Gig'em Ags!

Brian '01

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Sophomore running back Christine Michael sprays his face with water during the first fall football practice. Aggieland was brutally hot during fall camp with three-digit temperatures becoming the norm. To counter the heat, the A&M football team spent most of their morning practices outside and went indoors for the afternoon. Photo by Brian Davis '01.

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Senior Von Miller and junior Jeff Fuller go head to head in the Aggie Drill before an August scrimmage. One of the most exciting parts of fall practice, the Aggie Drill is an intense, one-on-one test of strength and technique between an offensive and defensive player. Photo by Jason McConnell '01.

how about dat

Junior running back Cyrus Gray catches a pass in stride, besting junior linebacker Garrick Williams in a one-on-one receiving drill as new inside linebackers coach Dat Nguyen looks on. Coach Nguyen, working with Andrew Weaver below, has brought a new level of enthusiasm to the Aggie linebacking corps. Photos by Brian Davis '01.

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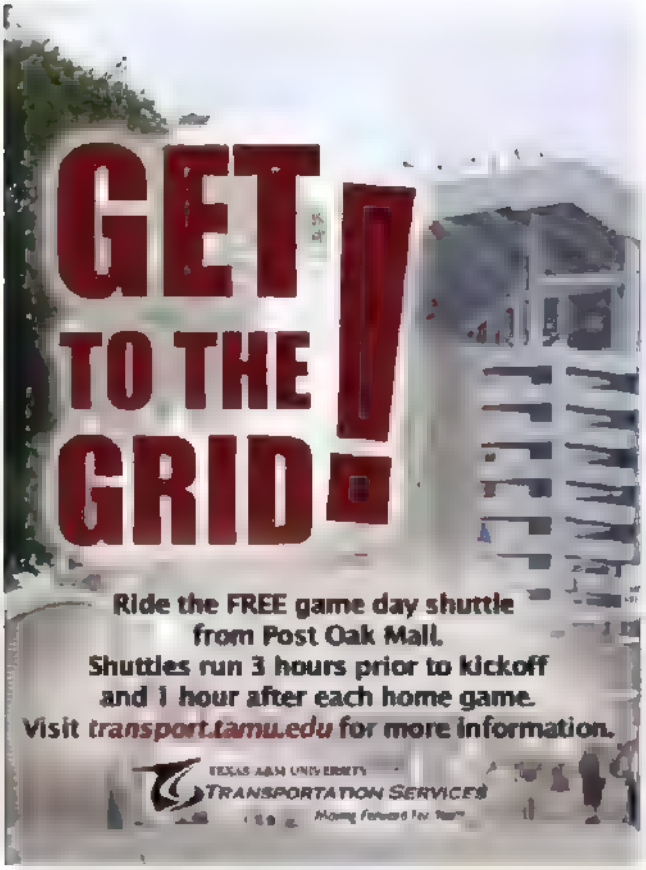
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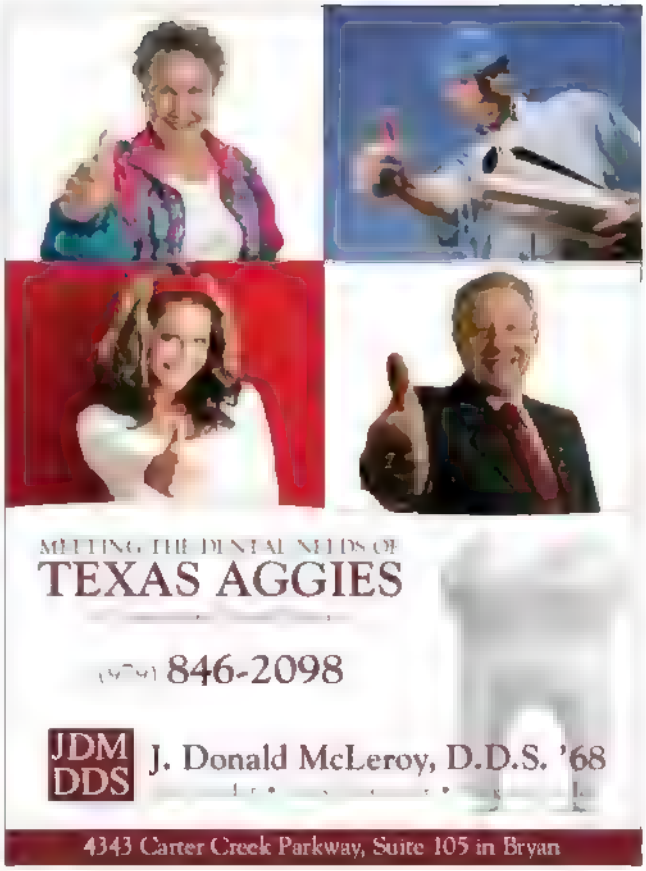
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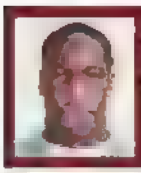
BY JEREMY KSIONDA '04 AND BRIAN DAVIS '01

As football season kicks off, the 2011 Texas A&M recruiting class is over halfway complete with verbal commitments from eleven prospects. Nine are from Texas and play high school football less than 220 miles away from their future home in Aggieland. Meanwhile, the two outliers are more than 1,200 miles away – in Reading, PA and Lauderdale Lakes, FL.

This fall, A&M fans have a chance to preview these future Aggies under the Friday night lights. We've compiled the schedules for each prospect. If you live near any of these stadiums or are planning any road trips this fall, we recommend you take the opportunity to get a glimpse of these future Aggies in action.

***Editors Note:** All schedules and venues are subject to change, so we recommend you verify any listed game before attending.*



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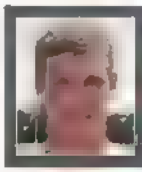

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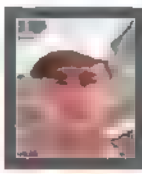

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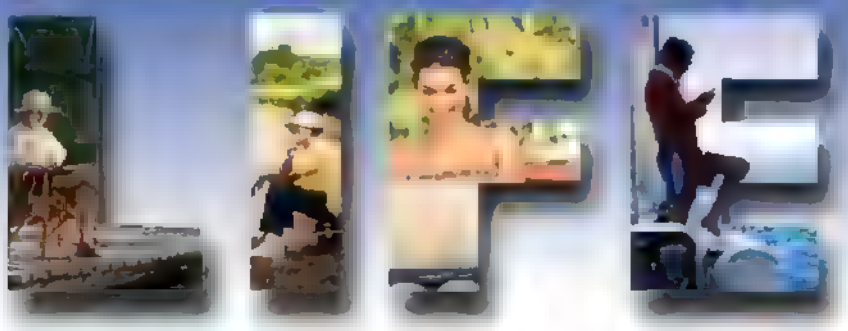

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going the distance

Loaded soccer team has everything it takes to go all the way to the top

BY JASON MCCONNELL '01

Disappointing. Heartbreaking. Sickening. Those are just a few of the print-friendly words used to describe the feeling when the 2009 season ended for the Texas A&M soccer program.

Not the season as a whole, mind you – the Aggies finished with a 15-7-3 record and advanced to the Sweet 16 for the 10th time in program history. That's certainly nothing to be disappointed about.

No, the gut-wrenching feeling came from the 2-1, double-overtime loss to top-seeded and fifth-ranked Florida State in the Sweet 16.

That left a bad taste in everyone's mouth. And you can bet it will be more than enough motivation to go all the way to the top this season. And the Aggies have what it takes to get there.

Head coach G Guerrieri returns 11 starters and 19 letterwinners from the 2009 squad that finished the season ranked 13th in the nation. The Aggies have one of the toughest rated schedules in the nation, competing against eight teams that received bids to the NCAA Championship a year ago.

It takes a lot of talent to compete with the best and to get to the top, and the Aggies are loaded with some of the best soccer players in the nation.

The talented-laden roster includes three key players who were forced to sit on the sidelines last season because of knee injuries – Amber Gnatzig (#4), Raven Tatum (#16) and Beth West (#10. The roster also includes three seniors who earned All-Big 12 honors in 2009 – Whitney Hooper (#6), Alyssa Mautz (#33) and Rachel Shipley (#7).

JASON MCCONNELL '01

NINE QUESTIONS FOR THE ALL-BIG 12 SENIORS

What did you do this summer to prepare for the season?

RACHEL SHIPLEY (RS): [illegible] Dallas for the [illegible] and. The [illegible] enjoyed [illegible] but I missed [illegible]

ALYSSA MAUTZ (AM). [illegible] the Sa[illegible] republic and [illegible] back here [illegible] with [illegible]

WHITNEY HOOPER (WH) [illegible]

How would you describe the feeling after the double-overtime Sweet 16 loss last season?

AM [illegible]

RS [illegible] heartbreaking [illegible]

AM [illegible]

RS [illegible] penalty kid [illegible] great g[illegible]

AM [illegible]

How would you describe your emotions as you go into your final year of Aggie soccer?

AM It's sad and nerve-racking, but excit[illegible]

WH. It's sad, but [illegible]

RS [illegible] And we [illegible]

AM [illegible]

WH [illegible]

What does it mean for the team to get Amber Gnatzig, Raven Tatum and Beth West back from injury this season?

RS: It's awesome. Especially in the midf[illegible]

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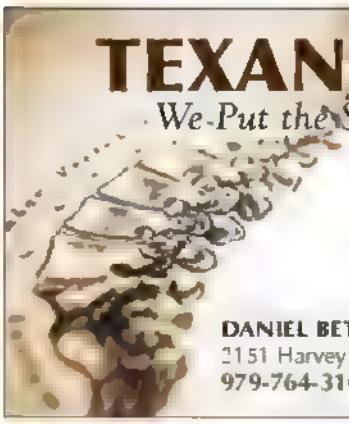

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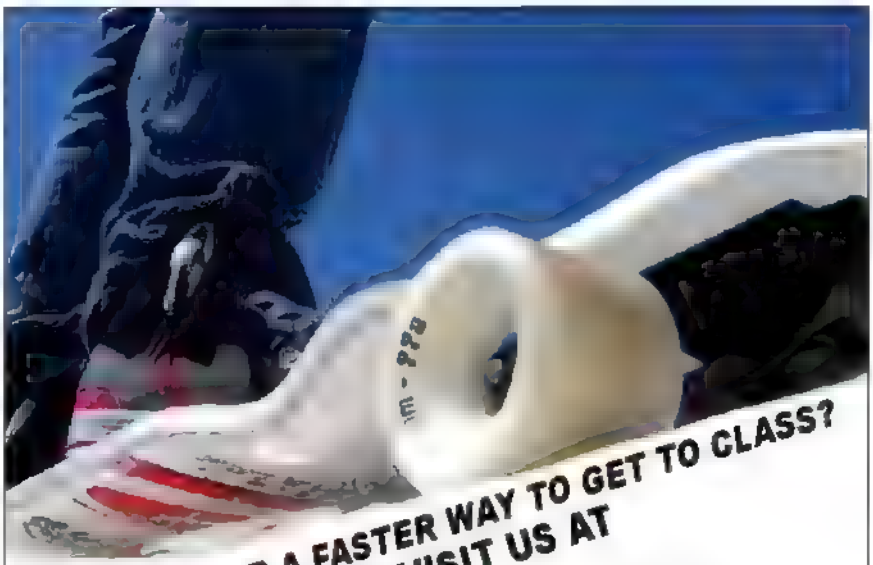

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WH [illegible]

What are your strengths on the field?

RS: Well Hooper is supp[illegible]

WH: Mautz is hustle [illegible]

WH [illegible]

How tough is the Big 12 going to be this year?

AM: Missouri has been [illegible] our last few [illegible]

RS: [illegible]

AM: [illegible]

RS: [illegible]

How would you describe Coach G in one word?

RS. Intelligent. Champion.

AM: G is G. He can bring [illegible]

WH: [illegible]

[illegible]

What are the keys to this being a successful season?

RS. St[illegible] focused [illegible] game [illegible]

AM [illegible]

WH [illegible]

AM Trust your teammates to do their [illegible]

WH: Take ac[illegible]

What do you want to be remembered for when your career is over?

WH: I'm sure everyone will remember [illegible]

AM. A person that leaves everyth[illegible]

RS: To be called champions. National [illegible] us all to be remembered as that.

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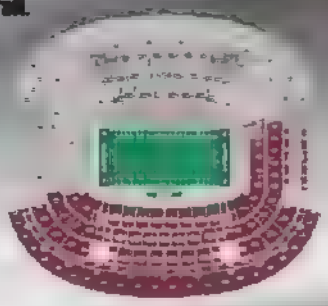

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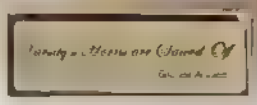

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UNDER THE RADAR

Sensational sophomore trio aims to pick up right where last year's seniors left off

BY BRIAN DAVIS '01

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Go ahead and label them the underdogs. They've heard it before and they'll hear it again. And that's exactly what the Texas A&M volleyball team is going to be this season – in the beginning, at least.

Laurie Corbelli, who is entering her 18th season as the Aggies' head coach, returns just seven players from last year's team that went 20-11, advanced to the NCAA regional semifinals and ranked No. 21 in the final poll.

Corbelli must replace six seniors, including All-Americans Sarah Ammerman and Mary Batis, both four-year starters. Highlighting the list of returners is junior Kelsey Black (#2), a preseason All-Big 12 selection. After serving in a utility-type role each of her first two seasons, Black enters this season as a likely starter at outside hitter.

Meanwhile, the sophomore trio of Lindsey Miller (#14), Alisia Kastmo (#10) and Tori Mellinger (#1) return after starting the majority of last season as true freshmen on a senior-laden team. Middle blockers Miller, a member of the 2009 Big 12 All-Freshman Team, and Kastmo led the starters in hitting percentage as freshmen last year. Mellinger became the team's designated libero in the fourth match of her rookie campaign and led the Ags with 3.45 digs per set in Big 12 play.

THIRTEEN QUESTIONS FOR THE AGS' SOPHOMORE TRIO

What did you do this summer to prepare for the season?

TORI MELLINGER (TM): We all do the sam workouts on our own during the first half of [illegible]

LINDSEY MILLER (LM) [illegible]

Who is going to step up to replace last year's senior leadership?

ALISIA KASTMO (AK). [illegible] of juniors who already showed a lot of leade ship this summ

TM [illegible] can help the newcomi

What are the keys to success this season?

LM [illegible]

TM [illegible] e going to have to learn how t [illegible] and overcome tha

[illegible] ne at **aggielandillustrated.com**

Why did you choose to play at A&M?
LM: [illegible] A&M [illegible] I felt right [illegible] friend of mine [illegible] and the fantastic [illegible]
TM: [illegible]
AK: I felt good about the team and the [illegible] like home

Did you know each other before A&M?
LM: We have a picture from a championship game of a tournament that Tori and I [illegible] each other [illegible] but had [illegible] other [illegible]
TM: [illegible] people

What are your strengths on the court?
LM: A huge asset [illegible]
TM: [illegible] she just puts [illegible] because [illegible] is huge [illegible]
LM: [illegible]
TM: [illegible]
TM: [illegible]

Is spiking someone in the face a little extra satisfying?
LM: Oh yeah. It's awesome. There's nothing [illegible]
TM: [illegible]

Were you surprised with how much you played as true freshmen last season?
LM: [illegible]
TM: [illegible]

[illegible] to show [illegible] hard [illegible] girl.

Is that something you are going to pass on to the freshmen?
TM: I don't know about that. Maybe at [illegible] positions (laughs) [illegible]

What are some of the key games on your schedule?
LM: Our home conference opener against [illegible] big one.
TM: I'm also pumped [illegible] them in the Zo[illegible] by A[illegible] ment last year in their ho[illegible] and [illegible] face some good competition [illegible]

With Nebraska departing for the Big 10, do the matches against them have special meaning this year?
LM: [illegible] e playing them because [illegible] program. Playing a [illegible] of the [illegible] to [illegible] thout [illegible]
TM: [illegible] experience [illegible] eer for everyb[illegible] efore they got out of the Big 1[illegible] beat them agai[illegible]

Do you have any nicknames?
LM: [illegible] people.
AK: [illegible] tarted as "Al," but that fizzled [illegible]
LM: [illegible]
TM: [illegible]
LM: [illegible]

How would you describe your coaches in one word?
LM: "Techn[illegible]
TM: "B lockers" for Laur[illegible]hsi. We wer[illegible] ker room at Texa[illegible] and [illegible] was trying to [illegible] is to be strong [illegible] towels, as she was whipping a tow[illegible] then she said, "Be like lockers. Gi[illegible] B[illegible]

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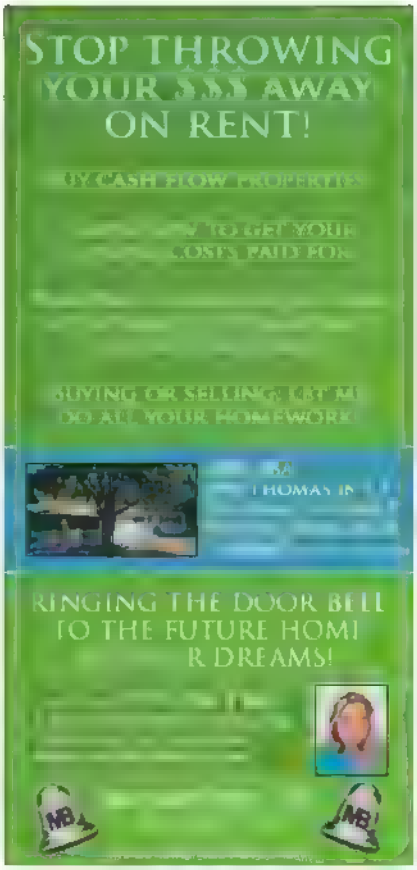

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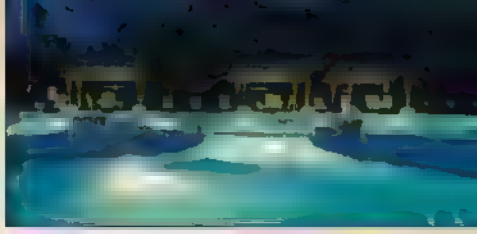

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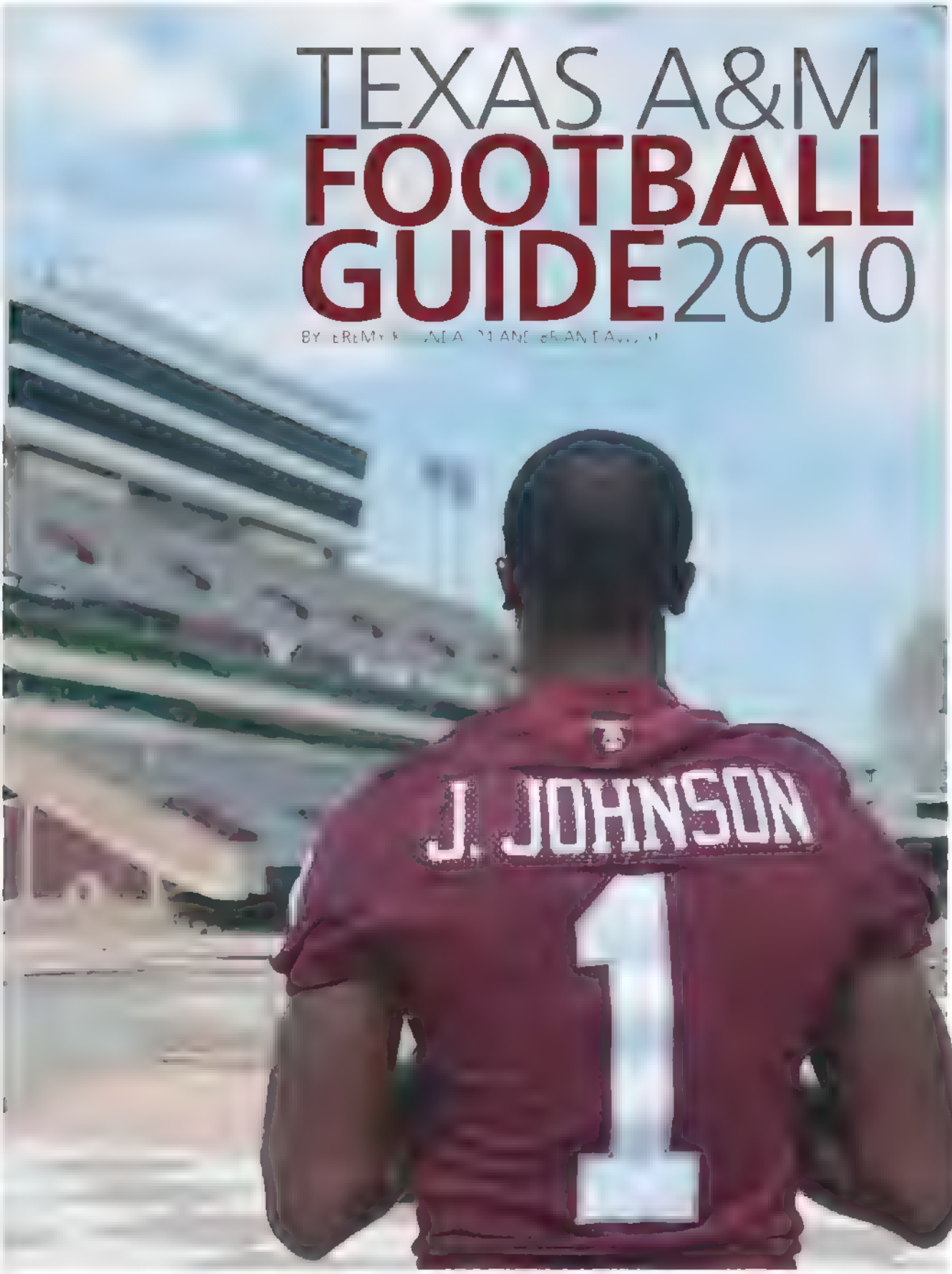

JASON MCCONNELL '01

MIKE SHERMAN (HEAD COACH)
[illegible] A&M
RECORD [illegible] **BOWL RECORD** [illegible]

[illegible] *And while they've yet to coach a game, Sherman's hires [illegible] this offseason appear to be home runs and likely will determine [illegible]*

OFFENSE [OVERVIEW]

Jerrod Johnson. Jeff Fuller. Ryan Tannehill. Christine Michael. Uzoma Nwachukwu. Cyrus Gray. These are more than just household names among the Aggie faithful. They represent what's arguably the most talented group of skill position players to hit Kyle Field in over a decade.

All eyes will be on Aggieland this season, as the A&M offense looks to be the last of the high-powered offensive attacks of the Big 12 left standing. Mike Leach is out in Lubbock, Colt McCoy and Sam Bradford are gone at Texas and Oklahoma, and Oklahoma State is replacing both Dez Bryant and Zac Robinson. And while there's plenty of star power to answer the call, there are also plenty of holes to fill in order to go up against some of the league's staunch defenses in 2010.

The Aggies must replace three starters along the offensive line, and will have to rely on several true freshmen in order to do so. True freshmen tackles Luke Joeckel and Jake Matthews might be stars in the making, but going up against 22-year-old men is a tall task for 18-year-olds who will just be getting their feet wet in college football. If offensive line coach Jim Turner can gel this unit the way he did in 2009, the sky's the limit for the Aggie offense this season.

OFFENSE [QUARTERBACK]

The Coach

TOM ROSSLEY (3rd year)
[illegible]

The Starter

JERROD JOHNSON #1
[illegible] SR, 3L
Johnson is the unquestione[illegible] and his [illegible] will decide how good the Aggie offense can be [illegible]

First off the Bench

RYAN TANNEHILL #17,
[illegible] *this fall while serving as the [illegible] Johnson at quarte[illegible]*

Key Battle

MATT JOECKEL #16	VS.	JAMIELL SHOWERS #3
[illegible]	MEASURABLES	[illegible]
[illegible]	HIGH SCHOOL	Shoemaker HS (Killeen, TX)
[illegible]	NUMBERS	[illegible]
[illegible] Year as a senior	ACCOLADES	[illegible]
[illegible] ike, is a freshman lineman [illegible] team	NOTABLE	Was a highly touted recruit despite missing his senior season with an injury

EDGE. Joeckel. Showers appeared to have a leg up halfway through fall camp, [illegible] in this ongoing battle. It will be interesting to see if either o[illegible] th players [illegible]

Records Watch

CAREER YARDS
[illegible]
[illegible] 86 [illegible]
> Jerrod Johnson (2007-) 6,064

CAREER COMPLETION PERCENTAGE
Stephen McGee (2005-08) 59.5%
> Jerrod Johnson (2007-) 59.3%

CAREER COMPLETIONS
[illegible]
[illegible] 983-86) 534
> Jerrod Johnson (2007-) 492

Preseason Grade **B+**

Could be an A+ if Johnson shows he's [illegible] recovered from offseason shoulder s[illegible]

Top 10 QBs of All Time

1. **COREY PULLIG** (1992-95)
   Won more games than any A&M QB
2. **KEVIN MURRAY** (1983-86)
   Finished with a 25-6-1 record as a starter
3. **BUCKY RICHARDSON** (1987-91)
   Finished 10th in Heisman race as a senior
4. >**JERROD JOHNSON** (2007-)
   Has a chance to climb to the top this season
5. **EDD HARGETT** (1966-68)
   An Aggie QB legend
6. **GARY KUBIAK** (1979-82)
7. **STEPHEN MCGEE** (2005-08)
8. **REGGIE MCNEAL** (2002-05)
9. **BRANNDON STEWART** (1996-98)
10. **RANDY MCCOWN** (1996-99)

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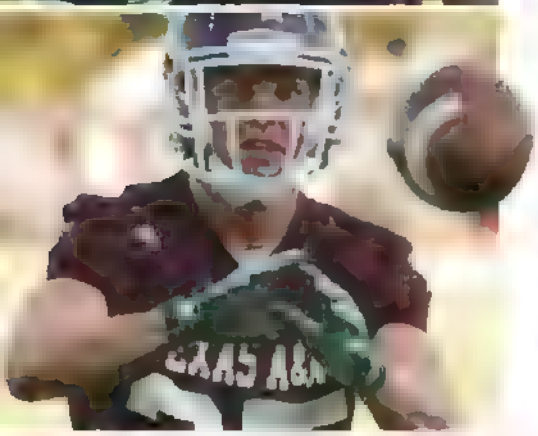
OFFENSE [STAR PLAYER]

JERROD JOHNSON, QB #11
6'5, 245, SR, Jr. HUMBLE HS, HUMBLE, TX
CAREER GAMES 30 **STARTS (QB)** 22 **CONSEC. STARTS (QB)**



OFFENSE [STRENGTH]

When it comes to pointing out the strength of the Aggie offense, it was hard not to pick senior quarterback Jerrod Johnson. This group of wide receivers, however, could be the best A&M has ever seen.

Jeff Fuller is possibly the most physically imposing specimen on the Aggie roster, and when the ball is in the air, it's his for the taking. Sophomore Uzoma "EZ" Nwachukwu doesn't have the height of Fuller, but his combination of size, speed and outstanding leaping ability is unmatched. Look for him to build upon his freshman season that brought postseason accolades. EZ will likely split time with senior Terrence McCoy, who had a great spring and continued his solid play in fall camp.

Another sophomore, Ryan Swope, has been picked by many to be one of the team's breakout players in 2010. If he doubles as the team's starting kickoff return man, there's a good chance No. 25 will lead the team in all-purpose yards this season. Swope's back-up, Kenric McNeal, made the most of his opportunity at the beginning of fall camp when Swope went down with an injury, catching everything in his sight and showing off his speed in the open field.

True freshman Nate Askew turned heads the moment he stepped on campus, and is a likely candidate to see the field as a receiver and punt returner. And finally, despite getting the majority of his reps at quarterback, Ryan Tannehill is still one of the most dangerous weapons among this stout receiving corps. Like Fuller, Tannehill operates on another level, and is simply too talented to keep on the sideline.

As a whole, this is a unit with the proven talent and depth to earn national attention this season.

OFFENSE [WIDE RECEIVER]

The Coach

TROY WALTERS (1st year)

[illegible]

Steve Kragthorpe resigned.

The Starters

JEFF FULLER (#8)
6-4, 215, JR-2L

[illegible] sophomore se[illegible]

UZOMA NWACHUKWU (#7)

[illegible] Nwachukwu st[illegible] game last se[illegible]

But he only gets this spot if he's able to hold off [illegible] Terrence McCoy

RYAN SWOPE (#25)
[illegible]

[illegible] he has a good [illegible]

First off the Bench

TERRENCE MCCOY (#11)
6-4, 213, SR-3L

[illegible] receiver off the bench, [illegible] ng in place of Uzoma [illegible]

In the Rotation

NATE ASKEW (FR-HS, #9), **BRANDAL JACKSON** (SO-1L, #4), **KENRIC MCNEAL** (SO-1L, #5), **RYAN TANNEHILL** (JR-2L, #17)

Key Battle

TERRENCE MCCOY (#11)	VS.	UZOMA "EZ" NWACHUKWU (#7)
[illegible]	MEASURABLES	[illegible]
7 REC, 77 YDS	LAST SEASON	[illegible]
[illegible] 331 YDS, 2 TDS	CAREER STATS	[illegible]
[illegible], 67 YDS, [illegible] wa State, 2008)	BEST GAME	[illegible] (Oklahoma State, 2009)
Has [illegible]	NOTABLE	[illegible] catches, 1 run) against Utah State in 2[illegible]

EDGE: Nwachukwu. McCoy mov[illegible] the depth chart after a solid sp[illegible] has been battling with Nwachukwu ever si[illegible] EZ started every game last season, so it [illegible] to lose

Records Watch

CAREER TOUCHDOWNS

Bob Long (1966-68)	[illegible]
> **Jeff Fuller (2008-)**	**16**

CAREER RECEIVING YARDS

Terrence Murphy (2001-04)	2,60[illegible]
Bethel Johnson (1999-02)	1,740
Jamaar Taylor (2001-03)	1,705
Tony Harrison (1990-93)	1,576
Albert Connell (1995-96)	1,52[illegible]
Jason Carter (2002-05)	1,457
> **Ryan Tannehill (2008-)**	**1,453**

Preseason Grade — A+

The talent and depth at wide receiver should cause nightmares for opposing defensive coordinators this season

Top 10 WRs of All Time

1. **TERRENCE MURPHY** (2001-04)
   T Murph rewrote the A&M record boo[illegible]
2. **ROBERT FERGUSON** (2000)
   [illegible] a monster in only season at A&M
3. **BETHEL JOHNSON** (1998-02)
   [illegible] nd to Murphy in ca[illegible]
4. **ALBERT CONNELL** (1995-96)
   Had 18 receptions in a [illegible]
5. **KEN MCCLEAN** (1962-65)
   On receiving end of "Texas Special" in 1965
6. **JAMAAR TAYLOR** (2001-03)
7. **TONY HARRISON** (1990-93)
8. > **RYAN TANNEHILL** (2008-)
9. **ROD HARRIS** (1985-88)
10. > **JEFF FULLER** (2008-)

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OFFENSE [WEAKNESS]

Mike Sherman's 2010 offensive line haul was one for the ages. Unfortunately, each of the highly touted freshmen will still be just that – freshmen – this season. Even so, Coach Sherman has alluded to the fact that as many as three of the freshmen will see the field this fall.

Luke Joeckel locked down the starting left tackle position this spring and will be tasked with protecting Jerrod Johnson's blind side. Jake Matthews, son of the great Bruce Matthews, has lived up to his high billing thus far and beat out sophomore Brian Thomas for the starting job at right tackle towards the end of fall practice.

In the middle, the Aggies are fairly stable, as junior Evan Eike and sophomore Patrick Lewis are returning starters who look poised to build upon their strong play toward the end of last season. Senior Matt Allen has held down the starter's role at center, but Thomas is knocking at his door. Allen was beaten out by both Eike and Lewis at guard last year, so it will be interesting to see if he can hold his own in 2010. All in all, while this unit has shown potential, it's also very inexperienced without a lot of established depth. In order for the abundance of talent at the skill positions to shine, this young unit will need to come together quickly.

OFFENSE [TIGHT END]

The Starter

HUTSON PRIOLEAU (#80)
6-4, 251, FR-HS
[illegible]eau is the Ags most complete tight end with impressive blocking and receiving abilities.

First off the Bench

KENNY BROWN (#15)
6-3, 227, SR-3L
Brown has been a special teams standout for three seasons

Contributors

NEHEMIAH HICKS (#87)
6-4, 248, FR-HS
There's still a chance Hicks redshirt, but it's looking likely that he will play this year

MICHAEL LAMOTHE (#21)
[illegible]3, 231, SO-1
[illegible]

Position Grade C+

Proteau has the talent [illegible] experience to go with it

Top 4 TEs of All Time

1. **ROD BERNSTINE** (1983-86)
   Holds the record for most receptions in a season
2. **DAN CAMPBELL** (1995-98)
   Was a team leader and fan favorite
3. **MARTELLUS BENNETT** (2005-07)
   Fifth all time in receptions despite only playing three season
4. **GREG SCHORP** (1990-93)
   [illegible]

Brown Hicks

OFFENSE [OFFENSIVE LINE]

The Coach

JIM TURNER (3rd year)
The Boston native and former Maine [illegible]

The Starters

MATT ALLEN, C (#70)
6-2, 295, SR-1
[illegible] guard to center in the offseason

EVAN EIKE, LG #65
[illegible], JR
The Bryan native has been a solid guard and is the most experienced returning lineman

LUKE JOECKEL, LT #76
6-6, 304, FR-HS
[illegible] and quickly locked down the starting job

PATRICK LEWIS, RG (#61)
6-2, 303, SO-1L
[illegible] freshman All-American honors [illegible] son, starting nine games as a true freshman

JAKE MATTHEWS, RT (#75)
6-5, 295, FR-HS
The true freshman arrived this summer a [illegible] as advertised and [illegible] for the starting [illegible] right tackle, beating [illegible] Brian Thomas

First off the Bench

BRIAN THOMAS #71)
6-3, 303, SO-SQ
Will be the sixth man for the Aggie o-line unless he takes a starting job first

Key Battle

MATT ALLEN (#70	VS.	BRIAN THOMAS #71)
[illegible]	MEASURABLES	[illegible]
[illegible]ns HS (Spring, TX)	HIGH SCHOOL	Pearland HS (Pearland, TX)
[illegible] Academic All-Big 12 honoree last season	ACCOLADES	[illegible] offensive lineman as a senior (2007)
[illegible]	NOTABLE	[illegible]

EDGE: Allen. Thomas spent the majority of fall camp battling for the starting job at right tackle before [illegible] could challenge for the starting job [illegible] if Allen struggle[illegible]

In the Two-Deep

DANNY BAKER (JR-2L, #55), **JARVIS HARRISON** (FR-HS, #51), **SHEP KLINKE** (FR-HS, #77), **CEDRICK OGBUEHI** (FR-HS, #63)

Preseason Grade C+

[illegible] If the young guys grow up fast, this [illegible] the surprise unit on the team

Top 5 OL of All Time

1. **MARSHALL ROBNETT** (1937-1940)
   [illegible]shed ninth in Heisman race as a senior
2. **JOE ROUTT** (1934-37)
   All-American as a junior and senior
3. **RICHMOND WEBB** (1986-89)
   Ninth overall pick in the 1990 NFL Draft
4. **CHARLIE KRUEGER** (1954-57)
   Two-time All-American at tackle
5. **JOE BOYD** (1936-39)
   Co-captain of the 1939 National Champions

OFFENSE [DIFFERENCE MAKER]

CHRISTINE MICHAEL, RB #33,
6' 215 SO-TL WEST BROOK HS BEAUMONT TX
CAREER GAMES 12 **STARTS** 4 **CONSECUTIVE STARTS** 2

[illegible]

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OFFENSE [FIVE NEW FACES TO KNOW]

NATE ASKEW, WR (#9)
A US Army All-American Bowl participant and standout at San Antonio Madison HS a year ago, Nate Askew managed to work his way into a deep and talented Aggie receiving corps as a true freshman, and will likely see the field early as a punt returner.

NEHEMIAH HICKS, TE (#87)
Nehemiah Hicks brings an added element of athleticism to the tight end position, and will probably be too talented to keep off the field this fall. Hicks has the most upside of any tight end not named Martellus Bennett to arrive in Aggieland in over a decade, and could even challenge Bennett's numbers in the record books by the time he leaves campus.

LUKE JOECKEL, OL (#76)
Even though Joeckel arrived last spring, he's technically a new face to the 2010 Aggie football team. Take a good look at his mugshot, because that's the only semblance of a freshman he portrays. Joeckel looks like a seasoned veteran out there, and is a sure lock to man one of the starting tackle positions for years to come.

JAKE MATTHEWS, OL (#75)
The most heralded member of the recruiting class of 2010 and the son of an NFL Hall of Famer, Jake Matthews has been as good as advertised thus far. After spending time at both left and right tackle during fall camp, Matthews is too good to sideline this fall.

JAMEILL SHOWERS, QB (#3)
With luck, Showers won't see the field any time soon. But keep a close eye on him during warm-ups prior to kickoff on Saturdays at Kyle Field this fall. The freshman gunslinger from Killeen possesses an absolute cannon for an arm, and could be the quarterback of the future for the Aggies.

OFFENSE [RUNNING BACK]

The Coach

RANDY JORDAN 3rd year

The Starter

CHRISTINE MICHAEL (#33

Michael is arguably the most talented player on

First off the Bench

CYRUS GRAY (#32)
5-10, 196, JR-2L
Gray would start every game for just about any other Big 12 school and will be a key contributor for the Ags this season regardless of whether he's in the starting lineup or not

Contributors

BRADLEY STEPHENS (#20)
5-10, 201, JR-2L
Stephens should get more carries this season if he continues to improve his ball security

BEN MALENA (#23)
5-8, 195, FR-HS
Malena is a redshirt candidate, but still could find himself on the field this fall for depth

MISTER JONES (#27)
6-2, 210, FR-HS
He will likely redshirt unless the Ags struggle in short yardage situations and need a big back like Jones to pound out the tough yard

Key Battle

CYRUS GRAY (#32	VS.	CHRISTINE MICHAEL #33
	MEASURABLES	
57 YDS, 5 TDS	LAST SEASON	844 YDS, 10 TDS
	CAREER STATS	
	BEST GAME	
with 1,592 all purpose yards in 20	NOTABLE	of the Ye 2009

EDGE: **Michael.** Gray has more experience and is a more complete running back at this point, but Michael is just on another level when it comes to running the football

Preseason Grade A-

Running back is second only to wide receiver as a team strength, but the depth is a slight concern after some unexpected attrition during fall camp

Top 10 RBs of All Time

1. **JOHN DAVID CROW** (1955-57)
   The lone Aggie Heisman winner
2. **JOHN KIMBROUGH** (1938-40)
   Heisman runner-up and two-time All-American
3. **DARREN LEWIS** (1987-90)
   Over 1,000 yards more than any other back
4. **CURTIS DICKEY** (1976-79)
   Second in the record books behind Lewis
5. **LEELAND MCELROY** (1993-95)
   One of the fastest in college football history
6. **BOB SMITH** (1949-51)
7. **GREG HILL** (1991-93)
8. **RODNEY THOMAS** (1991-94)
9. **GEORGE WOODARD** (1975-79)
10. **JORVORSKIE LANE** 2005-08)

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Defensive Coaches

[illegible] – Defensive Coordinator
Terrell Williams – Defensive Line
Dat Nguyen – Inside Linebackers
Nick Toth – Outside Linebackers
Charles McMillan – Defensive Backs

WR-X
#[illegible] Jeff Fuller
#[illegible] Dennis Jackson

WR-Y
#[illegible] Ryan Swope

LT
#[illegible] Luke Joeckel
[illegible]

LG
#65 Evan Ellis
#[illegible] James Morrison

C
#70 Matt Allen
#[illegible] Brian Thomas

RG
#[illegible] Patrick Lewis

RT
#[illegible] Jake Matthews
#[illegible] Jeffrey Hyde

TE
#80 Hutson Proleau
#[illegible] Kenny Brown

WR-Z
#7 Uzoma E.Z. Nwachukwu
#[illegible]

RB
#35 Christine Michael
#[illegible]

QB
#1 Jarrod Johnson (SR-3L)
#17 Ryan Tannehill (JR-2L)

Offensive Coaches

Mike Sherman – Head Coach
Tom Rossley – Quarterbacks
Randy Jordan – Running Backs
Troy Walters – Wide Receivers
Jim Turner – Offensive Line

Special Teams

K
#24 Randy Bullock
#[illegible] Russ Gilham (FR-HS)

P
#39 Jared Jaroszewski
#[illegible] Ken Wood (JR-[illegible])

PR
#8 Kenric McNeal
#[illegible] Nate Askew

KR
#[illegible] Cyrus Gray
#[illegible] Kenric McNeal

KR
#[illegible] Ryan Swope
#[illegible] Nate Askew

DEFENSE [OVERVIEW]

When defensive coordinator Joe Kines resigned following the 2009 season, Mike Sherman turned to Air Force's Tim DeRuyter as a replacement and gave the up and comer one gigantic task – bring the Wrecking Crew back to Aggieland.

The DeRuyter effect is in full force in College Station, and while the proof is in the pudding and we won't know whether or not the defense has truly turned the corner until late September, the early returns have been extremely positive.

Switching to the 3-4 has brought back a crucial element that's been missing from Aggie defenses of recent years – speed. And thanks to Sherman's rebuilding effort on the recruiting trail, there's finally an element of depth to the defense as well. What was expected to be a glaring weakness for the Aggies – the defensive line – suddenly looks like one of the strengths of the unit, thanks in large part to the arrival of new d-line coach Terrell Williams and the maturation of players such as Lucas Patterson, Toney Jerod-Eddie and Eddie Brown.

TIM DERUYTER (DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR)
ST SEASON AT TEXAS A&M 19 YEARS AS A COLLEGE H

When Texas A&M defense takes the field tr they'll have a new of new defensive coordinator Tim DeRuyter Also the Aggies. DeRuyter served th ous three year nd safeties coach at the Air Force Academ, DeRuyter's 3-4 sive scheme relies on pressure, attack multiple

DEFENSE [DEFENSIVE LINE]

The Coach

TERRELL WILLIAMS (1st year)
The former Purdue DL coach has reenergized the Aggie d-line

The Starters

EDDIE BROWN, NT (#19)
6-0, 295, JR-2L
Bounced between positions this fall, before emerging as the likely starter at nose tackle

TONY JEROD-EDDIE, DE (#83)
6-5, 300, JR-2L
One of the Aggies' most consistent linemen is assured a starting job at DE if he's healthy

LUCAS PATTERSON, DE (#77)
6-4, 295, SR-4L
The most experienced player on the d-line will probably start at DE and play some NT as well

First off the Bench

KIRBY ENNIS (#42)
6-4, 280, SO-1L
He will play a lot if he is fully recovered from offseason surgery and stays healthy.

In the Rotation

STEPHEN BARRERA (SO-1L, #64), **BEN BASS** (JR-SQ, #90), **JONATHAN MATHIS** (JR-TR, #92), **SPENCER NEALY** (SO-1L, #99)

Battles to Watch

Competition is a beautiful thing. When the Aggies switched to a 3-4 alignment on defense, there were suddenly fewer spots to go around on the defensive line. Lo and behold, the cream was forced to rise to the top. Senior Lucas Patterson and juniors Tony Jerod-Eddie and Eddie Brown emerged as the top three candidates during the first part of fall camp, but will have to fend of a bevy of hungry newcomers as the season begins.

A rejuvenated Ben Bass re-entered the Aggie program this summer after becoming academically ineligible and having to earn back his scholarship (and the respect of the A&M coaches managed to do just that, and has quickly become one of the top young defenders on the roster.

Former offensive lineman Stephen Barrera managed to make a hard push for playing time during fall camp as well, and should challenge for playing time at one of the end spots. The three Louisiana freshmen, Brandon Jackson, Ivan Robinson and Gavin Stansbury bring an element of length and athleticism to the line. Two-thirds of that trio have a chance to hit the field this fall as well.

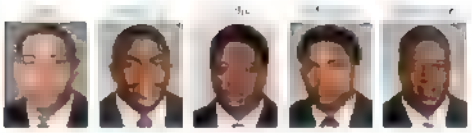
Preseason Grade B-

Defensive line has been regarded as a weak spot over the past few years, but this unit has the talent, experience and depth to change all that.

Top 5 DL of All Time

1. **JACOB GREEN** (1977-79)
   Two-time All-American and DL sack leader
2. **RAY CHILDRESS** (1981-84)
   Has the most tackles for a d-lineman
3. **SAM ADAMS** (1991-93)
   SI's national defensive player of the year
4. **TY WARREN** (1999-02)
   13th overall pick in 2003 NFL Draft
5. **BRANDON MITCHELL** (1992-95)
   Was a semifinalist for the Lombardi Award

DEFENSE [FIVE NEW FACES TO KNOW]



BEN BASS, DL (#90)
A true success story, Bass has returned to the Aggies after becoming academically ineligible over a year ago. He's returned with a vengeance, often running with the first team unit throughout fall camp. He might not technically be a "new" face, but we're certain you're not going to recognize this Ben Bass.

TONEY HURD, JR., S/CB (#4)
Though small in stature, Toney Hurd, Jr. is big on ability. A physical defender, Hurd has tremendous upper body strength and loves to punish wide receivers coming across the middle of the field. Tim DeRuyter has described Hurd as too good to keep on the sideline.

CORYELL JUDIE, CB (#5)
Like Bass, Judie isn't technically a new face, but a knee injury sidelined Judie for what should have been his A&M debut last fall. He struggled towards the beginning of fall camp, but when injuries opened up an opportunity to run with the first team, Judie seized it and showed why he was such a highly touted defender two years ago.

DEMONTRE MOORE, JOKER (#94)
When Demontre Moore committed to the Aggies prior to his senior season, he was an under-the-radar recruit that few had heard of. Now, he's arguably the most impressive freshman defender on the Aggie roster. Long and agile, Moore plays with a mean streak, and is certain to see the field this fall.

IVAN ROBINSON, DL (#89)
Of the three freshman defensive linemen from Louisiana, Robinson has been the most physically imposing thus far. He's not the most polished, but his combination of strength, speed and athleticism has given fits to even the most experienced Aggie offensive linemen.

DEFENSE [LINEBACKER]

The Coaches

DAT NGUYEN [illegible] st year, Inside LB
The favorite son returns to coach the [illegible]

NICK TOTH (1st year, Outside LB, [illegible] and [illegible] with Tim DeRuyter in the 3-4 scheme

The Starters

MICHAEL HODGES, ILB (#37)
6-0, 226, SR 1L
Solid linebacker in the middle will be key to stopping the run

VON MILLER, JOKER (#40
[illegible]
Year should shine in Tim DeRuyter's 3-4 scheme

SEAN PORTER, OLB (#10)
6-2, 220, SO-1L
Expected to start if healthy, but will have to hold [illegible] *Stewart*

GARRICK WILLIAMS, ILB (#8)
6-2, 234, JR 2L
[illegible]
Aggie defense and will be all over the field

First off the Bench

JONATHAN STEWART #11
[illegible]
may even work his way into the starting lineup

Key Battle

SEAN PORTER #10	VS.	JONATHAN STEWART #11
[illegible]	MEASURABLES	[illegible]
Arlington HS (Arlington, TX)	HIGH SCHOOL	Byrd HS (Shreveport, LA)
[illegible]	ACCOLADES	Honorable [illegible]
42 TAC, 1 SACK, 4 TFL	LAST SEASON	28 TAC, 1 TFL, 1 PBL
Tallied at least three tackles in 10 of 12 games in 2009	NOTABLE	Started seven games at outside linebacker as a true freshman in 2009

EDGE: Porter. Both players have made huge strides since playing in every game last season as true freshmen. This battle could continue throughout the season, which would be great news for the A&M defense.

In the Two-Deep

KYLE MANGAN SO-1L #18, **DEMONTRE MOORE** (FR-HS, #94), **DOMONIQUE PATTERSON** (FR-HS, #23)

Records Watch

CAREER SACKS

Aaron Wallace (1986-89)	42
Jacob Green (1977-79)	37
[illegible]	[illegible]
Marcus Buckley (1990-92)	29
Ray Childress (1981-84)	25
Roylin Bradley (1997-00)	24
> Von Miller (2007-)	22.5

Preseason Grade B

[illegible] *the depth is a little thin and inexperienced*

Top 10 LBs of All Time

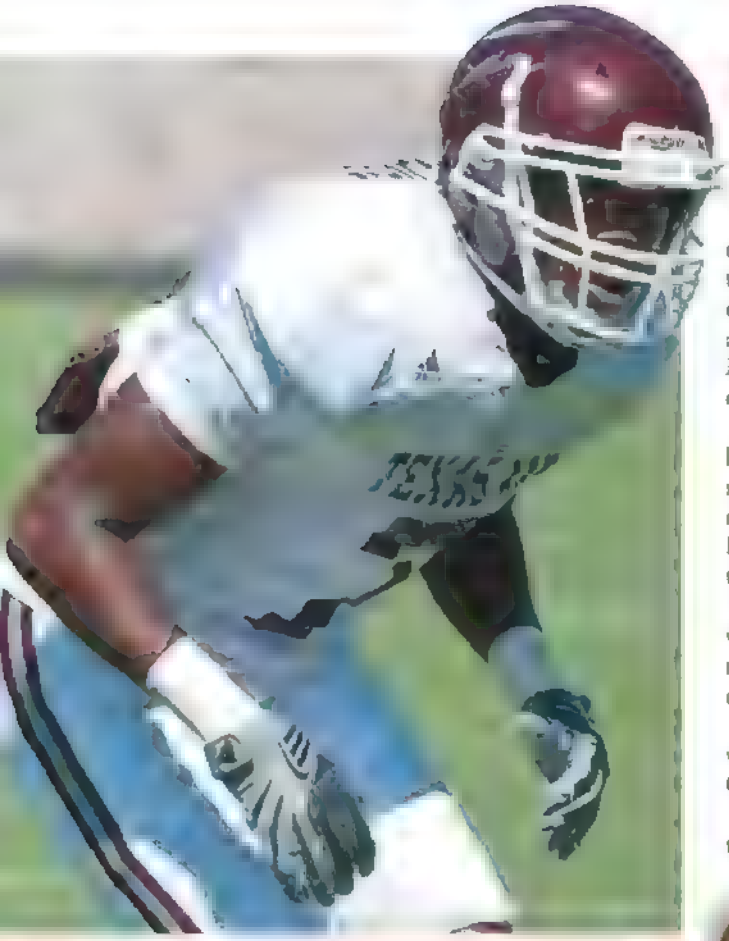
1. **DAT NGUYEN** 1995-98
   Lombardi Award winner and All American
2. **JOHNNY HOLLAND** (1983-86
   Two-time All-American is second in career tackles
3. **AARON WALLACE** 1986-89
   [illegible]
4. **ED SIMONINI** (1972-75)
   [illegible]
5. **JOHN ROPER** (1985-88
   Made 15 sacks in back-to-back seasons
6. **BILL HOBBS** 1965-68
7. **MARCUS BUCKLEY** (1989-92)
8. **KEITH MITCHELL** 1993-96
9. **QUENTIN CORYATT** (1989-91
10. **ROBERT JACKSON** (1973-76)

DEFENSE [STAR PLAYER]

VON MILLER, JOKER (#40)
[illegible] 3L DESOTO HS DESOTO, TX
CAREER GAMES 34 **STARTS (QB)** 17 **CONSEC. STARTS (QB)** 13

[illegible] ampaign was one of the [illegible] relinquish the spotlight in [illegible]

JASON MCCONNELL '01 AND BRIAN DAVIS '01/MUGSHOTS, TEXAS A&M ATHLETICS



DEFENSE [STRENGTH]

It's hard to believe a position that was utterly depleted a year ago could be the strength of the defense this season, but that's exactly the case at cornerback for the Aggies. Junior Terrence Frederick has emerged from a lowly touted, last minute switch from Louisville to arguably the defense's second best player, behind All-American Von Miller. Frederick blanketed the Aggie wide receiving corps throughout fall camp, almost always in perfect position, even when bested.

Frederick has one of the starting spots locked up, and there's a heated three-way battle for the other starter's role that might not be resolved until midway through the season. Sophomore Dustin Harris looked like the clear-cut favorite to lock down the field opposite Frederick until nagging injuries kept him sidelined and opened up the door for competition.

Former JUCO standout Coryell Judie shows flashes of brilliance when he runs with the first team unit, but seems to disappear when running with any other group. It will be interesting to see what he can do once the lights come on. We tend to think he'll shine.

Another junior, Lionel Smith, continues to do all the little things well. No player has benefited from the tutelage of cornerbacks coach Charles McMillian more than Smith.

Regardless of who starts the first game opposite Frederick, all of these talented corners will play a lot this season.

DEFENSE [DEFENSIVE BACK]

The Coach

CHARLES MCMILLIAN 3rd year

collegiate level

The Starters

TERRENCE FREDERICK, CB #7

Is the most consistent cornerback on campus and excels in pass coverage and run support

TRENT HUNTER, SS (#1)
5-10, 190, JR-2L
He is the quarterback of the defense and practically a coach on the field

CORYELL JUDIE, CB (#5)
5-11, 188, JR-RS
Has the talent to be a lockdown cornerback but needs more consistency

STEVEN TERRELL, FS (#21)
5-10, 197, SO-1L
Fits right in at safety in Tim DeRuyter's defense

First off the Bench

DUSTIN HARRIS #22)
6-0, 175, SO-1L
If healthy, he will push for the starting job he held for 11 of 12 games last season

In the Two-Deep

STEVEN CAMPBELL (SO-1L, #2),
TONEY HURD, JR FR-HS, #4),
LIONEL SMITH (JR-1L, #3

Key Battle

DUSTIN HARRIS #22	VS.	CORYELL JUDIE (#5
	MEASURABLES	
40 TAC, 1 INT, 1 SACK, 2 TFL, 2 PBU	LAST SEASON	Redshirted due to injury
	CAREER STATS	
	NOTABLE	

EDGE. Judie.

Preseason Grade B-

Top 10 DBs of All Time

1. **KEVIN SMITH** 1988-91
   All-American and interception record holder (20
2. **LESTER HAYES** 1973-76)
   American is second all-time in interc
3. **PAT THOMAS** (1972-75)
   Two-time All-American
4. **PATRICK BATES** (1989-92)
   All-American and finalist for Thorpe Award
5. **AARON GLENN** 1992-93)
   Thorpe Award runner-up and SWC Defensive PO
6. **DAVE ELMENDORF** (1968-70)
7. **RAY MICKENS** (1992-95)
8. **JASON WEBSTER** (1996-99)
9. **SAMMY DAVIS** (1999-02)
10. **TOMMY MAXWELL** (1965-68

DEFENSE [WEAKNESS]

It took less than two weeks into fall camp for the Aggies to find out just how thin they were at safety. When junior Trent Hunter and sophomore Steven Campbell were sidelined with injuries, the only remaining scholarship player with any experience was sophomore Steven Terrell – a converted cornerback from a year ago.

Walk-ons Blaine Cheatham, and Louie Swope (brother of A&M wide receiver Ryan Swope) competed with true freshmen Clay Honneycutt and Malcolme Kennedy for the other starting role.

Unfortunately, despite their best efforts, none of them appeared anywhere near being ready for Big 12 play. We will say, however, that Swope looks like an absolute steal in last year's recruiting class, after turning down a scholarship offer from SMU to become a preferred walk-on for the Aggies.

Searching for depth, the coaches turned to true freshman Toney Hurd, Jr. about midway through fall camp to see if he could make the transition from cornerback. Fortunately for the Aggies, Hurd was a natural at safety and will undoubtedly see the field this year and make a huge impact on the A&M defense.

Terrell had an absolutely tremendous camp, showing off his 4.4 speed in pass coverage and surprising physicality against the run. And Hunter, when healthy, was an ever better version of his old self, looking bigger, faster and more skilled in coverage.

Campbell has great size and speed, but just can't seem to stay healthy. If Terrell, Hunter, Hurd and Campbell are all able to play, then the Aggies shouldn't be in too much trouble this season. If one goes down, however, things could get interesting.

SPECIAL TEAMS [K, P, KR, PR, DS]

The Starters

BEN BREDTHAUER, DS #95
[illegible] *never want to hear your name called*

RANDY BULLOCK, K (#28)
5-9, 205, JR-2L
Struggled some [illegible] consistency [illegible] specially from long range [illegible] is by far the best on the team

CYRUS GRAY, KR #32)
5 10, 198, JR 2L
He already holds the record for most kickoff returns in a career and he's only a junior

JARED JAROSZEWSKI, P (#39)
6 2 208 JR TR
[illegible] been the most [illegible] stent in practice [illegible] will need to show it in game [illegible] to keep the [illegible]

KENRIC MCNEAL, PR (#5
[illegible]

RYAN SWOPE, KR #25
[illegible]d, SO-1L
[illegible] returning kicks towards the end of last season alongside Gray and quickly locked down the job

First off the Bench

NATE ASKEW, PR #9)
6 4, 223 FR HS
Ha[illegible] size and speed and has been [illegible] impressive ret[illegible] punts in fall camp

Key Battle

NATE ASKEW #9	VS.	KENRIC MCNEAL (#5)
[illegible]	MEASURABLES	[illegible]
Madison HS (San Antonio, TX)	HIGH SCHOOL	Spring HS (Spring, TX)
[illegible] all-state [illegible] senior	ACCOLADES	First-team All-District as a quarterback
[illegible] hard for [illegible]	NOTABLE	Saw action in 10 games as a freshman [illegible]

EDGE: **McNeal.** Askew has shown [illegible] upside and [illegible] unmatched combi[illegible] of speed and size, but McNeal will likely be the first [illegible] at punt returne[illegible] cause of ex[illegible] consistency

Records Watch

CAREER KICKOFF RETURN YARDS

> Cyrus Gray (2008) 1,811
Rod Harris 198[illegible]

Preseason Grade D+

For the most part, special teams w[illegible] the[illegible]d this year, but this [illegible] b[illegible] concern until they [illegible] on the field

Top 5 Specialists of All Time

1. **SHANE LECHLER, P** (1996-99)
Two-time All-American now a regular All Pro
2. **TONY FRANKLIN, K** (1975-78)
Two time All American still holds NCAA record
3. **ROD HARRIS, KR/PR** (1985-88)
Second all time in kick and punt return yards
4. **LEELAND MCELROY, KR** (1993-95)
Named an All American as a kick returner
5. **DICK TODD, PR** (1936-38)
[illegible] holds the record for most punt return yard[illegible]

JASON MCCONNELL '01 AND BRIAN DAVIS GIMUGSHOTS TEXAS A&M ATHLETICS

DEFENSE [DIFFERENCE MAKER]

JONATHAN STEWART, OLB (#11)

[illegible]

CAREER GAMES 13 **STARTS** 7 **CONSECUTIVE STARTS**

The most heralded defender of the 2009 [illegible]

BRIAN DAVIS '01

TEXAS A&M FOOTBALL [2010 ROSTER]

	NAME	POS	HT	WT	CL-EXP	HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL
[illegible]	Hunter, Trent	[illegible]	5-10	90	[illegible]	Katy, Texas/Katy
1	**Johnson, Jerrod**	**QB**	**6-5**	**245**	**SR-3L**	**Humble, Texas/Humble**
2	Campbell, Steven	[illegible]	6-0	202	[illegible]	Houston, Texas/Jersey Village
[illegible]	Showers, Jameill	[illegible]	6-[illegible]	22[illegible]	[illegible]	Killeen, Texas/Shoemaker
[illegible]	Smith, Lione	[illegible]	6-0	[illegible]	[illegible]	Houston, Texas/Bellaire
[illegible]	Hurd Jr., Toney	[illegible]	[illegible]	190	[illegible]	Missouri City, Texas/Fort Bend Marshall
4	Jackson, Brandal	[illegible]	[illegible]	182	[illegible]	Navasota, Texas/Navasota
[illegible]	McNeal, Kenric	[illegible]	[illegible]	18[illegible]	[illegible]	Spring, Texas/Spring
5	Judie, Corye	[illegible]	[illegible]	188	[illegible]	Marble Falls, Texas/Marble Falls/Fort Scott CC
6	Woodley, Luke	[illegible]	[illegible]	192	[illegible]	Dallas, Texas/Highland Park
7	Nwachukwu, Uzoma	[illegible]	[illegible]	94	[illegible]	Allen, Texas/Allen
7	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	184	[illegible]	Katy, Texas/Katy
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	DeSoto, Texas/DeSoto
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2[illegible]	[illegible]	McKinney, Texas/Boyd
[illegible]	Thomas, Charlie	[illegible]	[illegible]	212	[illegible]	Beaumont, Texas/Central
9	Askew, Nate	[illegible]	[illegible]	224	[illegible]	San Antonio, Texas/Madison
10	**Beyer, Cody**	**WR**	**6-1**	**182**	**SR-1L**	**San Antonio, Texas/Smithson Valley**
	Porter, Sean	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	Schertz, Texas/Clemens
	Stewart, Jonathan	[illegible]	6[illegible]		[illegible]	Shreveport, La./Byrd
11	**McCoy, Terrence**	**WR**	**6-4**	**213**	**SR-3L**	**Midland, Texas/Lee**
	Dorman, Tommy		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] and Hills, Texas/Birdville
	Gardiner, Desmond	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] Texas/Memorial
	Honneycutt, Clay	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Dickinson, Texas/Dickinson
14	Fundi, Keon	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Paris, Texas/Paris
15	**Brown, Kenny**	**WR**	**6-3**	**227**	**SR-3L**	**Oklahoma City, Okla./Putnam City North**
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]			[illegible]	Arlington, Texas/Arlington
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]			[illegible]	Sharpstown, Texas/Sharpstown
17	**Caflisch, Chris**	**DB**	**6-3**	**210**	**SR-1L**	**San Antonio, Texas/Madison**
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	Big Spring, Texas/Big Spring
[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]		[illegible]	Brenham, Texas/Brenham
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]			[illegible]	College Station, Texas/A&M Consolidated
19	Gamso, Winston	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Highland Park, Texas/Highland Park/SMU
19	Brown Jr., Eddie	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Waller, Texas/Waller
20	Stephens, Bradley	RB	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	McAllen, Texas/Memorial
21	Lamothe, Michael	[illegible]	[illegible]			New Iberia, La./New Iberia
21	Terrell, Steven	[illegible]				Allen, Texas/Allen
22	Harris, Dustin	LB	[illegible]		[illegible]	Livingston, Texas/Livingston
23	Patterson, Domonique	[illegible]			[illegible]	Dallas, Texas/Skyline
23	Malena, Ben	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] Texas/Cedar Hill
24	Randle, Taylor	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] Texas/Aledo
24	Johnson, Malcom			[illegible]		Klein, Texas/Collins
25	Swope, Ryan	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		Austin, Texas/Westlake
26	Wood, Ken	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	Spokane, Wash./University/Montana
27	Jones, Mister	[illegible]	[illegible]			Littleton, Colorado/Littleton
28	Bullock, Randy	[illegible]				Klein, Texas/Klein
28	Swope, Louie	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Austin, Texas/Westlake
29	**Vela, Anthony**	**RB**	**5-11**	**233**	**SR-2L**	**Round Rock, Texas/McNeil**
29	Cheatham, Blake	[illegible]		[illegible]		Aledo, Texas/Aledo
30	**Bishop, Don**	**TE**	**6-2**	**220**	**SR-1L**	**Katy, Texas/Katy**
31	Serres, Kyle	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Spring, Texas/Northland Christian
32	Gray, Cyrus	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
33	Michael, Christine	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	Beaumont, Texas/West Brook
33	Thompson, DeAndre	[illegible]			[illegible]	Alief, Texas/Taylor
34	Tolver, Jay			[illegible]		Mansfield, Texas/Timberview
35	Rodgers, Lee	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]
35	Cavanaugh, Ricky	[illegible]	[illegible]			[illegible]
37	**Hodges, Michael**	**LB**	**6-0**	**226**	**SR-1L**	**Helotes, Texas/O'Connor**
37	Graham, Garrett	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	Mansfield, Texas/Mansfield

	NAME	POS	HT	WT	CL-EXP	HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL
38	Thigpen, Kolter	[illegible]				Hondo, Texas/Hondo
39	Jaroszewski, Jared		6[illegible]	[illegible]8		Seguin, Texas/Navarro/Blinn JC
40	**Miller, Von**	**Joker**	**6-3**	**243**	**SR-3L**	**DeSoto, Texas/DeSoto**
41	Fields, Connor				[illegible]	[illegible]
41	**Thompson, DeMaurier**	**DB**	**6-1**	**196**	**SR-1L**	**Dallas, Texas/W.T. White**
42	Lavilla, Joe	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Arlington, Texas/Martin
42	Ennis, Kirby		[illegible]	[illegible]		Huntsville, Texas/Huntsville
43	Amerbum, Aaron	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		Rockwall, Texas/Rockwall
44	Woolridge, Andrew		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Lexington, Texas/Lexington
45	Sherman, Matt		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Houston, Texas/St. Thomas
47	Russell, Caleb	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Midlothian, Texas/Midlothian
47	Ortiz, Logan	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	Ft. Leavenworth, Kan./Leavenworth/Butler CC
48	Epperson, Ryan			[illegible]	[illegible]	Keller, Texas/Keller
48	Weaver, Andrew	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	Waco, Texas/Waco
49	Gilham, Ross		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Owensboro, Ky./Owensboro
49	Jackson, Brandon		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Shreveport, La./Evangel Christian
51	Harrison, Jarvis		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Navasota, Texas/Navasota
52	Freeman, Alex		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Austin, Texas/Westwood
53	Ortega, Justin				[illegible]	San Antonio, Texas/Reagan
55	Jobe, Chase		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Lexington, Texas/Lexington
59	Woodum, Allen		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Conroe, Texas/Conroe
61	Lewis, Patrick		[illegible]	[illegible]		LaPlace, La./East St. John
[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]			Clear Lake, Texas/Clear Lake
[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]		Bryan, Texas/Bryan
[illegible]	[illegible]			[illegible]	[illegible]	Jacksonville, Texas/Jacksonville
70	**Allen, Matt**	**OL**	**6-2**	**295**	**SR-1L**	**Spring, Texas/Klein Collins/LSU**
	[illegible]		[illegible]		[illegible]	Pearland, Texas/Pearland
72	Ayers, Josh		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
72	Stansbury, Gavin		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
73	Scales, Rhontae		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
74	Baker, Danny		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
75	Matthews, Jake		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Missouri City, Texas/Elkins
76	Joeckel, Luke		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Arlington, Texas/Arlington
77	Kinke, Shep		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Katy, Texas/Katy
77	**Patterson, Lucas**	**DL**	**6-4**	**295**	**SR-3L**	**Kingsville, Texas/King**
78	Gramling, Garrett		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Denton, Texas/Ryan
79	Childress, Wells		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Houston, Texas/Kinkaid
80	Pholman, Hutson				[illegible]	Fort Worth, Texas/All Saints Episcopal
82	Adams, David				[illegible]	Mission, Texas/Sharyland
83	Jerod-Eddie, Tony		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	DeSoto, Texas/DeSoto
83	Walker, Michael	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Austin, Texas/Westlake
84	Kennedy, Malcome	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Cayuga, Texas/Cayuga
86	Gardner, Seth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Dallas, Texas/Highland Park/Arkansas
87	Hicks, Nehemiah	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Hutto, Texas/Hutto
88	Lamascus, Gaston	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Navasota, Texas/Navasota
89	Robinson, Ivan			[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] La./South Beauregard
90	Bass, Ben			[illegible]	[illegible]	Plano, Texas/West
91	Rhodeback, Rob		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Johnstown, Ohio/Northridge
92	Mathis, Jonathan		6[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Houston, Texas/Westfield/Blinn JC
93	McDuff, Jomo		[illegible]		[illegible]	Dallas, Texas/Kimball
94	Moore, Damontre		[illegible]	[illegible]		Rowlett, Texas/Rowlett
95	Bredthauer, Ben		[illegible]	[illegible]		Houston, Texas/Stratford
96	Ebbitt, Michael		[illegible]	[illegible]		Westlake Village, Calif./Oaks Christian
97	**Williams, Cody**	**DL**	**6-4**	**264**	**SR-2L**	**Longview, Texas/Longview**
99	Nealy, Spencer			[illegible]		San Antonio, Texas/Reagan

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Stephen F Austin Lumberjacks

[illegible] Last Season: 10-3, 6-1 Southland

WHEN
Saturday, September 4 at 6 pm

WHERE
[illegible]

SERIES RECORD
A&M 2, SFA 0

KEY QUESTION
Will the new look Aggie defense live up to the excitement generated during fall camp?

WHAT TO EXPECT
Parts of it won't be pretty as the team works out the kinks that come with a first game, but overall the Ags should flex their muscles easily

PLAYER TO WATCH
LB Jabara Williams (SR) – A preseason DII All American, Williams enters his final season with more than 300 career tackles, including 19 for a loss and 5.5 sacks

FUN FACT
Despite the close proximity between the two universities, the Aggies and Lumberjacks haven't played each other since 1935. Texas A&M won that meeting by a score of 37-6

Louisiana Tech Bulldogs

[illegible]

WHEN
Saturday, September 11 at 6 pm

WHERE
[illegible]

SERIES RECORD
A&M 9, Louisiana Tech 0

KEY QUESTION
Which Louisiana Tech squad will show up? The one that got blown out by Nevada, or the one that nearly upset LSU in Baton Rouge?

WHAT TO EXPECT
The Bulldogs were better than their record last season, but still don't have the personnel to slow down the Aggie offense. The Ags should win by a bunch

PLAYER TO WATCH
QB Ross Jenkins (SR) – A native Texan, Jenkins threw for 2,095 yards and 17 touchdowns during his junior campaign, completing 59% of his passes along the way

FUN FACT
Former A&M assistant coaches Mark Tommerdahl and Stan Eggen of the Franchione era will return to the sidelines of Kyle Field. Tommerdahl coaches special teams and inside wide receivers for the Bulldogs, while Eggen serves as the team's defensive line coach

Florida Int. Golden Panthers

WHEN
Saturday, September 18 at 6 pm

WHERE
College Station (Kyle Field)

SERIES RECORD
First meeting between A&M and FIU

KEY QUESTION
Will the Aggies be able to fine-tune all aspects of their game before heading into conference play and the annual showdown against Arkansas?

WHAT TO EXPECT
FIU didn't do anything very well last season, and is arguably the weakest opponent on the schedule. Look for Ryan Tannehill or one of the freshman quarterbacks to play early in the second half

PLAYER TO WATCH
WR T.Y. Hilton (JR) - Led the team with 57 catches, 632 receiving yards and five touchdowns. Returned 22 kicks for a team best 633 yards and an average of 28.8, the highest in FIU history

FUN FACT
The Aggies and Golden Panthers have never faced one another on the football field. FIU is led by former Miami Hurricane Mario Cristobal, who served on former head coach Larry Coker's staff

Oklahoma State Cowboys

WHEN
Thursday, September 30 at 6:30 pm (ESPN)

WHERE
Stillwater, OK (Boone Pickens Stadium)

SERIES RECORD
A&M 17, OSU 8

KEY QUESTION
Will the Aggies finally be able to win a crucial, nationally televised matchup?

WHAT TO EXPECT
On paper, the Aggies should be favored to win this all-important Big 12 opener. Boone Pickens Stadium will be raucous, and a victory for the good guys will not come easily

PLAYER TO WATCH
RB Kendall Hunter (SR) - Hunter was a first team All American and also earned All Big 12 First Team honors as a sophomore in 2008. He racked up 1,555 yards and 16 touchdowns carrying the football in '08 and recorded nine 100 yard rushing games

FUN FACT
Tim DeRuyter and new Oklahoma State offensive coordinator Dana Holgorsen squared off in the 2009 Armed Forces Bowl, where DeRuyter's defense shut down the high flying Holgorsen offense

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12 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE 2010 AGGIE UNIFORMS

BY BRIAN DAVIS '01

1] The concept for this years uniforms actually came from senior quarterback [illegible] Johnson. As the leader of the team he worked with the equipment staff to make some subtle changes from last year. They wanted to keep the [illegible] jersey more classic and conservative. They decided to keep the jerseys looking the same, but [illegible] the side of the pants and added pinstripes.

2] The jerseys are primarily made of a stretch Cordura fabric which gives them more of a dull appearance compared to the shinier pants made of lycra polyester. This is why you won't see the Aggies wear a maroon uniform. The maroon jerseys do not match between the two different materials.

3] Each player's name is [illegible] for the jersey. The [illegible] the Aggies [illegible]

4] On the front of the jersey, the Aggies logo was moved to the center above Texas A&M. Last year it was on the right chest.

5] The number [illegible] will be retired again this year as they have for most of the [illegible] end of Aggie football. The team switched to maroon [illegible] the last few years under Coach [illegible] before reverting back to white shortly into Coach Franchione's tenure.

6] The Aggies use anywhere from 1,000 to [illegible] shoes each year. That includes a variety of shoes for [illegible] and practice situations as well as shoes for running, working out, staff use, etc. At one time, the Aggies used as many as 3,000 shoes in a season. That number was cut in half [illegible] the construction of the McFerrin indoor practice facility and Texas Tech finally replacing their traditional AstroTurf.

7] Junior offensive lineman Joe Villavisencio's size 18 shoe is the largest [illegible] in the team's [illegible] history. The [illegible] shoe size in Aggie football has been size 8 [illegible] kickers, while the largest was former lineman Brandon [illegible]. Most [illegible] offensive linemen [illegible] size 18 [illegible] anything larger requires a custom made shoe.

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8] There are basically two types of regular game shoes – a [illegible] shoe and a lineman shoe. [illegible] come down to the weight of the player. The maximum weight recommended for the [illegible] shoe is [illegible] pounds. The lineman shoes offer greater support for the larger athletes.

9] Most players make it through a season with just two jerseys – one home and one white. The helmets of the receivers and linebackers are prone to tears. Hopefully the equipment guys doing the taping are getting flagged for holding. The team goes through a lot of the white pants because of grass stains.

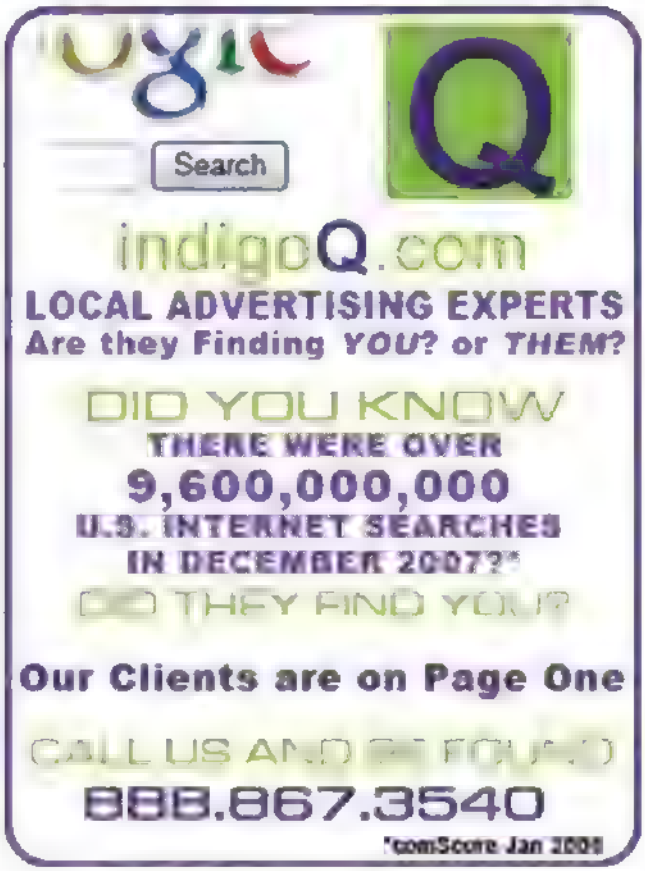
10] The new jerseys have the Texas A&M T-Star logo on the [illegible] sleeve. The players' last name and the [illegible]

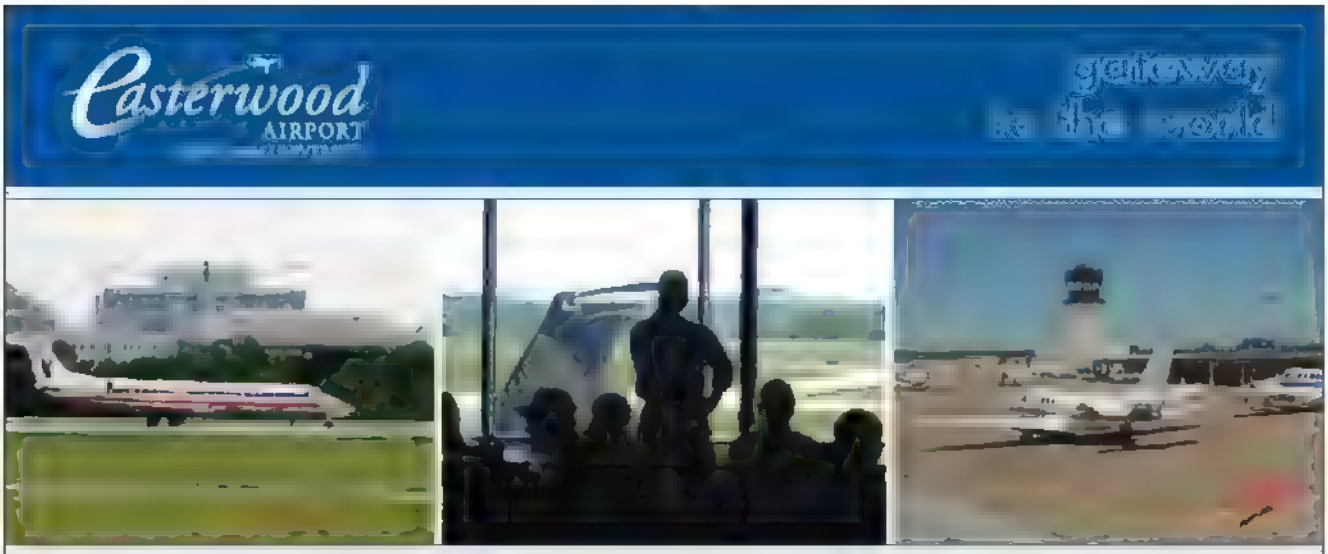
11] There is a message inside the [illegible] of the jerseys that likely won't be seen by anyone other than the players on game day. The white jersey [illegible] "BIG EM!" and the maroon jersey [illegible] "THE [illegible] MAN." In an effort to make the replica jerseys more consistent with the real thing, Aggieland proposed including the messages on both jerseys. So when you buy your jersey at a retail store, it will have the same message as the ones the players wear.

12] You won't see the Aggies wear white helmets this year. While they were extremely popular with the players, former players and fans, the unfortunate outcome of the two games with white helmets last year likely [illegible] they [illegible] on the [illegible] white. AI

THE STORY OF THE WHITE HELMETS

[illegible] campus from buzzing about the concept, which led to a [illegible] players asking us if we were going to do it. They were all really excited about the potential for a throwback game. On the day before the Arkansas game, we met with Coach Sherman and decided to try and pull off white helmets for that game. The first shipment came in on Wednesday and the second shipment came in Thursday morning. We had to order from two different manufacturers to get enough helmets in time, which meant two different shades of white. Less than ten people knew what was going on. We intercepted the shipments from UPS and took them to my house. I had helmets everywhere. My assistant, Bryan Gossett, along with two student workers and myself spent Wednesday and Thursday night decaling all the helmets, adding the facemasks, etc. We drove the truck up to Dallas early on Friday and had the helmets in a room at Cowboy's stadium. Anything done to the helmets was behind closed doors. We finally rolled them out about an hour before the team showed up on Saturday. When the players came in the locker room it was like Christmas morning. It [illegible] to see them walk in and the light bulb clicked that something was different. Then they all went ballistic. I had players come up and thank me. I just wish the outcome of the game had been different.





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JASON MCCONNELL '01 AND BRIAN DAVIS '01

Nearly 2,000 fans filled the Aggie Soccer Stadium to support the highly ranked Texas A&M soccer team in their season opener against two-time defending national champion and No. 1 North Carolina.

THE CHICKEN

BY KATIE MCCONNELL

Not much is more beloved to an Aggie than A&M traditions. Since the campus first opened in 1876, traditions have been made and followed. Aggieland's treasured Dixie Chicken, or "The Chicken" as it is so often called, is a shining example.

In 1974, shortly after Texas A&M was established as coed and the town had been designated as "wet," Don Ganter constructed the Dixie Chicken. Since it's beginning, Ganter created a place that was known for it's progressive music, tasty eats and hospitality. These days, The Chicken is managed by two of Ganter's daughters – Jennifer and Katy. They believe that The Chicken is what it is because of A&M and they know their dad would agree. What may seem to be a typical Texas bar to the unknowing, The Chicken is one of the staples that binds Aggieland together.

Beyond it's deeply, sentimental value to both New and Old Army, the Dixie Chicken serves some of the best food in town. Their mouthwatering burgers have become so popular, in fact, that many people have suggested that the Ganter family should franchise. Their reply is simple. The Dixie Chicken isn't about commercialism, it's about familiarity.

"We won't change The Chicken because former students come back and say, 'I remember sitting right here and this is exactly how it looked,' and they feel comfortable there," Katy said. "We want to keep up with progression, but we don't want to change what The Chicken is known for. It's home to a lot of people."

The sisters grew up at The Chicken. Jennifer often slept in a beer box in the bar as a baby and they even had a bed upstairs.

"We were the only people in high school who had to be at a bar by a certain time in order to meet curfew," Katy added.

Tough love might be the best way to describe Ganter as he didn't give any special treatment to his daughters when it came to the family business. When they were old enough to work, he made sure they started at the bottom and worked their way up.

"He made sure the managers knew we were the bottom of the barrel," Katy said. "We did everything from scrubbing urinals to unclogging drains. He always said that the manager was the first person there, the last one to leave, and the dirtiest one in the building. He made us be those people."

"It wasn't easy," Jennifer added, "but I think our mom really appreciated that about our dad. It's helped make us who we are today.

Now in its 36th year, the Dixie Chicken has become one of the biggest a tourist attractions in Aggieland, drawing in more than just the average fair.

"The Secret Service came and for 3 days they did sweeps and mapped out an exit plan because the President of Panama wanted to come eat at the Dixie Chicken," Katy said. "That's crazy. Why does the President of Panama even know about The Chicken?"

Comedian and TV host Wayne Brady and his crew have also stepped through The Chicken's swinging doors in the hopes of finding out what Texas Toast was.

"We all know it's just thick toast, but they wanted to try it here," Jennifer said.

That's not all. In his commencement speech at A&M in 2008, President George W. Bush said, "Back in my day, I think I would have enjoyed dunking my ring." The president also joked about the absence of his secretary of Defense and former Texas A&M President Robert Gates from the ceremony by saying, "It's not like he's over at the Dixie Chicken."

"We were really excited about that," Jennifer recalled. "I mean, the President of the United States just said 'Dixie Chicken' in his speech."

Regardless of the establishment's status, the Ganter sisters remain humble, completely astonished that the small bar that

BRIAN CAVE '01

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– KATY (GANTER) JACKSON

their dad built so many years ago is such a sensation. They continue to be amazed to receive phone calls from friends who have seen people wearing Dixie Chicken T-shirts in countries all over the world. Katy is continually taken aback at her father's success.

"It's just very humbling," she said. "We never expected the notoriety. It's just funny that a horseshoer from Dallas started a bar, and this is what it's become."

Besides his flare for business, the sisters attribute everything to their father's love for Texas A&M.

"He just loved A&M, wanted to make his home here, and he wanted to have something to do with the university. He just wanted to make sure he did it right."

The hardest part to all their success, however, is having to do it without their dad at their side. Ganter passed away in November 2004, just days after the Dixie Chicken had its 30th anniversary.

"Even though we'd been running The Chicken for a number of years before he died, we always knew that if we screwed up, he would be there to fix it," they said. "After he passed, decisions kind of stopped us in our tracks."

Though they have noticed the difference between going to work under their father and being in charge, Jennifer and Katy continue to provide the success of the establishment. And, as Don Ganter had hoped, the Dixie Chicken has become a part of tradition, a part of the university, a part of Aggieland and that's enough to make any father proud.

A BONFIRE MEMORY

Our dad stayed out at the site for days after Bonfire fell, hauling wood, doing whatever he could to help. One day he called me and just said, "Fill up the trunk of your car with as many burgers and fries as you can and get them up here." We did that a number of times and I think that's when I really realized how much A&M was a part of my dad. You know, he didn't graduate, but he still bled maroon.
– KATY (GANTER) JACKSON

GLEN'S GREAT EIGHT

1. Soccer: Texas A&M vs. No. 3 Santa Clara, 1998
Sophomore Amber Reynolds battles the soggy field conditions and a Santa Clara defender for the ball. Glen says: "This might have been the worst standing water on a field that I shot since the infamous t.u. game at Kyle Field and possibly a Baylor game." The Aggies lost the match, 3-0.

Over the next eight issues of AI (Volume 5), we are excited to share eight of Glen Johnson's most memorable moments from photographing all things Aggie. Glen has been the official photographer of Texas A&M Athletics since 1981. Special thanks to Glen for his contribution.

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